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SUBJECT: SITREP 22: EMBASSIES, BUSINESSES REOPENING (8/23

1400 LOCAL TIME)

REF: KINSHASA 1336 AND PREVIOUS

¶1. (SBU) Other Kinshasa missions - French, Belgian, British, Swedish - have resumed normal business on August 23. All report local staff arriving, and diplomats who spent the past two days at their embassies are being spelled by colleagues to allow them to go home and rest. The British Embassy will begin issuing visas again tomorrow. Both the Swedish and British Embassies have advised their citizens to limit movement.

¶2. (SBU) Citibank, a major Gombe business, is open. Two Shell service stations have opened in Gombe, and others are reportedly opening in the rest of the city. There are no reports of any petroleum shortages and port operations in Matadi and Boma are normal.

¶3. (SBU) Shops, restaurants, and markets are gradually re-opening in the central city.

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